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That is all, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Senator Wiltse would like to make an announcement.

SENATOR WILTSE: At 1:00 today, we'd like to meet any group that are interested in anything pertaining to Social Security under the north balcony. We'll have a representative of the Social Security Department here for an interview.

SPEAKER: That's at 1:00 P.M., Senator. Is there any further business, Mr. Clerk? Senator Savage.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, several members of the Legislature made requests to the Executive Board for either a part or full time research assistant to be assigned to them. So a committee was appointed by Senator Carpenter consisting of Senator Goodrich, Fowler, Anderson, and myself to investigate and make a report on this matter. We first requested the Director of Research, Mr. Jack Rogers, to prepare a statement of services now available to the members of this body and the Pages have placed this information on your desk at the present time. We will now, or after I get through, ask you to indicate by your vote if the present system is adequate or if you wish to change. Those that would like to have individual research assistance, I would like them to indicate by voting red and if you are satisfied with the present system to vote green. This is our official report: The committee appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council to consider the provision of assistance to the members of the Legislature has today agreed that a letter should be sent to the members of the Legislature explaining the research facilities presently available. This has been done. Too, the members of the Legislature should be asked to respond to the question whether the present facilities and personel available for research and related assistance are adequate or need to be expanded. The committee statements accompanying bills reported from Standing Committees include in addition to a short synopsis of the bill, a summary of the testimony presented pro and con at the public hearing. Now for your information, in addition to--, we have 22 staff members on research, 9 of which are assigned to the Appropriations Committee and 13 are assigned to individual committees and it was the consensus of this committee that the 13 members of the staff assigned to the various committees should make a report on--a synopsis on each bill so that it would be clear to the members of the Legislature that weren't able to attend that hearing. Number four, it was the consensus of part of our committee that up to nine additional personel should be made available for assignment to individual senators so desiring and it would be contemplated that each, that such, that each such person would be shared by three or four senators. Now at this time for the benefit of our deliberation, I would request that you ask the body to vote green if they are satisfied with the present system of being able to go to the Research Office to obtain information or have somebody assigned to them on a temporary basis or whether some of the members would like a full time staff members. Can I request that at this time?